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To the Reader.

MEeting with many Croſſes in the World, amongſt them all, I found ſome in Bookes, as Croſſing of Prouerbs, Croſſe-Anſweres, and ſuch other like Croſſe Authors, which I haue here put together in this little Booke: in which if you finde any thing Croſſe to your liking, croſſe it out: and if there be any thing that is better worth than nothing, bee not croſſe to patience, to e-

ſteeme of a little, though but
little: ſo loath to croſſe min
owne reaſon with too much pe
ſwaſion of your too kinde eithe
diſpoſition or diſcretion, I reſt
I finde cauſe,

Your well-willer,

B. N.

CROSSE AND PILE:

OR

Croſsing of Prouerbs.

Prouerbe.

THe more the merrier.

Croſſe.

Not ſo: one hand is enough in a purſe.

P Euery man loues himſelfe beſt.

C Not ſo when a man is vndone by ſuretiſhip.

P Hee that runnes faſteſt gets moſt ground.

C Not ſo, for then footmen would haue more land than their maſters.

P He runnes farre that neuer turnes.
C Not ſo, he may breake his neck in ſhort courſe.
P No man can call againe yeſterday.
C Yes, hee may call till his heart ak though it neuer come.
P Had-I-wiſt was a foole.
C No, he was a foole that ſaid ſo.
P He that goes ſoftly goes ſafely.
C Not among theeues.
P Nothing hurts the ſtomacke mor than ſurfetring.
C Yes lacke of meat.
P Nothing hard to a willing minde.
C Yes to get money.
P Women are neceſſary euils.
C Not ſo, for no euill is neceſſary.
P A faire woman is a pearle in a black mans eye.
C Not ſo, for then ſhee would pull i out.
P The neerer the bone the ſweeter th fleſh.
C Not when it hath taken winde.
P None ſo blinde as he that will not ſee
C Ye

C Yes hee that cannot ſee.
P The deeper the ſweeter.
C Not in a foule hole.
P To day for me, to morrow for thee.
C Not ſo, we may both bee ſoxt together.
P A Cruſt is better than no bread.
C Not for the gummes that haue no teeth.
P A woman is the weaker veſſell.
C Not when a curſt wife beats her Huſband.
P Salt ſauours euery thing.
C Not a Sir-reuerence,
P Labour invaine is loſſe of time
C Not where endeauours are well accepted.
P No man is ſo wiſe but hee may bee deceiued.
C Not ſo, for hee is not wiſe when hee is deceiued.
P There is no ſuch griefe as ingratitude.
C Yes lacke of money.
P Faire water makes all cleane.

C No

C No, not a foule minde.
P It is in vaine to striue against the streame.
C Not when the wind is with them.
P The sunne giues comfort to all creatures.
C No, not to the Owle, for shee cannot indure the light.
P There is no creature so like a man as an Ape.
C Yes a woman.
P Soft fire makes sweet malt.
C Not if the Barley be musty.
P Law is the scourge of sinne.
C Not till it be executed.
P A man may see day at a little hole.
C Not so, he may be blinde, and then hee cannot see.
P Patience is a plaister for all sores.
C Not if he be forced.
P He that trauels farre knowes much.
C Not if he be a foole.
P Nothing but is good for something.
C Not so, nothing is not good for any thing.

P Co-

P Couetouſneſſe is the root of all euill.
C Not of gluttony in a miſer.
P Euery thing hath an end.
C Not ſo, a ring hath none, for it is round.
P Money is a great comfort.
C Not when it brings a theefe to the gallowes.
P It is a great iourney to the worlds end.
C Not ſo, the ſunne goes it euery day.
P It is a great way to the bottome of the ſea.
C Not ſo, it is but a ſtones caſt.
P Hee plaies well that winnes.
C Not if hee loſe his time for trifles.
P Birds of a feather will flye together.
C Not if their wings be clipt.
P Change of paſture makes fat calues.
C Not if the ground bee barren.
P As the tree is, ſo is the fruit.
C Not ſo, when a pippin is grafted on a crab.
P A ragged colt may proue a good horſe.

C Not

C Not except he be well managed.

P Farre fetcht and deare bought is good for Ladies.

C Not if the ware be naught when it comes home.

P When the Cat is away the mouse may play.

C Not if the Weezell bee neere.

P Hunger is the best sauce.

C Not without meat.

P Blacke will take no other hue.

C Yes, when a foule slut is painted faire.

P Honesty is ill for thriuing.

C Not amongst honest men.

P Time is precious to an vnderstanding spirit.

C Not to a theefe when he is going to hanging.

P Hee is not wise that is not wise to himselfe.

C Yes, when he can giue better counsell then he can take.

P After a storme comes faire wether.

C Not when a boy is whipt for pissing in his bed.

P Na-

P Nature is no botcher.
C Yes when ſhee couers young fleſh with an old skinne.
P No ſuch loſſe as the loſſe of a friend.
C Yes the loſſe of life.
P A friend is beſt found in aduerſity.
C Not ſo, for then there are none to bee found.
P The pride of the rich makes the labours of the poore.
C No, the labours of the poore makes the pride of the rich.
P No greater ſhame than to be a Cuckold.
C Yes to be a wittall.
P True loue is the ioy of life.
C Not without money to maintaine it
P Will is the cauſe of woe.
C It is lacke of wit to guide it.
P A gay wife is a comfortable creature.
C Not if ſhee bee inconſtant.
P Vapour is the nobleneſſe of the minde.
C Not except it be guided by reaſon,
P No lacke to the lacke of money.

C Yes

C Yes, lacke of grace.

P High flying Haukes are fittest for princes.

C Not except they will come downe to the Lure.

P Hee that will borrow must pay.

C Not if he haue it not.

P Delayes are the death of Suiters.

C Not so, for then Lawyers would haue no clients.

P Wealth makes the worship of the world.

C Not so, for then euery Iacke would be a Gentleman.

P Hee is wise that is honest.

C Not if hee cannot doe withall.

P Vertue is a Iewell of great price.

C Not so, for then the poore could not come by it.

P Dicing, drabbing, drinking, are the three Ds to destruction.

C Not so, it is the fourth D, the Deuill that leades men to it.

P Sweet is the fruit of labour.

C Not except God blesse the businesse.

P For

P Fortune fauours fooles.

C Not ſo, there is fooles enow, but there is no fortune.

P Women are like waſpes in their anger.

C Not ſo, for waſpes leaue their ſtings, but women neuer leaue their tongues behind them.

P Virgins are Angel-like creatures.

C Not ſo, for then they would not be ſo proud of their beauty.

P Muſicke is comfortable to the eare.

C Not where the braine is full of buſineſſe.

P A good huſwife is a Iewell.

C Not if ſhee be a ſcold.

P Good wine makes a merry heart.

C Not when the conſcience is wounded.

P The neerer the Church, the further from God.

C Not with the religious.

P Good wine needs no buſh.

C Yes for trauellers that know not the houſe.

P Drun-

P Drunkennesse is counted good fellowship.
C Not but amongst bad fellowes.
P The Sunne shines thorow all the world.
C No, not in a close chest.
P Euery bird is knowne by his feather.
C No, good-man Bird hath no feather.
P Painted pictures are dead speakers.
C Not so, for then many women should be silent.
P Wise men are at peace with all the world.
C Not with some women, for they will neuer be quiet.
P A Bird in hand is worth two in the bush.
C Not if they be fast limed.
P Money is a great master in a market
C Not so, it is a slaue to a begger.
P Money is a continuall traueller in the world.
C Not so, for with some it is a close prisoner.
P Euery child knowes his owne father.

C Not.

C Not, but as his mother tels him.
P There is no paine like the Gout.
C Yes the tooth-ach:
P Euery man knowes what is beſt for himſelfe.
C No, not a mad man.
P Vſurers are good husbands.
C Not ſo, they may be bad to their wiues.
P Good ware makes quicke markets.
C No not ſo, tis money makes the ſpeed.
P Of idleneſſe comes nought but ignorance.
C Yes. beggerie.
P Oppreſſion makes the wiſe man mad.
C No wiſe man will beare oppreſſions.
P Nothing is ſtolne without hands.
C Yes, a good name with an ill tongue.
P Rich men are ſtewards for the poore.
C Not when poore mens pence fill their purſes.
P Abuſes ſhew the corruption of time.
C No, it is the times.
P Alowſe is a beggars companion.
C Not when he is in the head of a Lord.

P Beauty is a naturall bleſſing.
C Not in a painted woman.
P Early vp and nere the neere.
C Yes hee may haue a better ſtomack to his dinner.
P Hee that is warned, is halfe armed.
C Not ſo, for words make no armour.
P A ſhrew profitable is good for a man reaſonable.
C Not ſo, the profit may be good, but the ſhrew is naught.
P Two may keepe counſell if the third be away.
C Not if a woman bee one.
P He that is wiſe in his owne conceit is a foole.
C Not ſo, for he that is wiſe is no foole.
P The euening praiſeth the day.
C Not ſo, it is hee that notes it.
P Faire words pacifie wrath.
C No, not in dogged Spirits.
P Ambition endangers life.
C Not ſo, tis the action that followes it.
P A winde inſtrument giues a ſweet ſound.

C Not in case of the collicke downeward's.

P The swelling of the belly signifies the dropsie.

C Not in a woman with childe.

P A Bagpipe makes more noise than musicke.

C Not so, it is all musicke, though not of the best.

P There is no foole to the old foole.

C Yes, the young foole is a foole too as well as hee.

P Euery Bird hatcheth her owne eggs.

C Not so, the sparrow hatcheth the Cuckoes.

P All creatures are drousie after Venery.

C Not so, the cocke crowes, when hee hath trod his hen.

P Nothing is swifter than the wind.

C Yes thought, that is at heauen in an instant.

P Nothing is more subtill than the ayre.

C Yes, the deuill.

P Hee that handles thornes will pricke his fingers.

C Not if his gloues bee good.

P There is nothing brighter than the Diamond.

C Yes the Sunne.

P Pouerty parts good company.

C Not when rich men part with enuy.

P Sickneſſe ſoakes the purſe.

C No, tis the patient that is ſoakt, not the purſe.

P He that is borne to be drowned, ſhall neuer be hanged.

C Yes pirats drowne hanging at Wapping.

P Sickneſſe is the cauſe of death.

C Not ſo, for many dye that are neuer ſicke.

P A couetous man is neuer liberall.

C Yes, when hee giues all away at his death.

P Tis merry when Goſſips meet.

C Not if they fall out about the reckoning.

P There is no fire without ſmoake.

C Yes

C Yes in a flint.
P Pearles are restoratiue.
C No, not the pearle in the eye.
P Religion is the rule of life.
C Not in an Atheist.
P The law is costly.
C No, tis the Lawyers.
P A short horse is soone curried.
C Not if he be very foule.
P A good horse that ne're stumbled.
C No there is no such horse.
P Hard fare makes hungry stomacks.
C Not amongst sicke folkes.
P Many hands make quick worke.
C Not amongst the lazy.
P A young courtier an old begger.
C Not if hee bee thrifty.
P A good horse rids ground apace.
C Not if the way be full of holes.
P A staffe is soone found to beat a dog withall.
C Not in a plaine where there is no wood.
P No extreame will hold long.
C Yes, weakenesse in a consumption.

P Euery

P Euery thing is as it is taken.
C Not so, many things may bee taken amisse.
P A foole is euer laughing.
C Not when hee is beaten, for then he cries.
P Scoulds and Infants neuer din bawling.
C Yes when they are a sleepe.
P Bounce quoth the Gun.
C Not so, Gunnes cannot speake.
P Bate me an ace quoth *Boulton*,
C No, I will not bate him an ace, wherefore should I?
P Content is a Kingdome in the world.
C Not so, for the world giues it not.
P Money makes friends enemies.
C Not so, it is the euill vse of it.
P Neerer is my skin than my shirt.
C Not where the flesh is raw.
P Nothing breakes the heart more than thought.
C Yes, a bullet.
P Loue will goe thorow stone walls.
C Not till there be holes in them.

P One

One ſcabbed ſheepe marreth a whole flocke.

Not if the ſhepheard looke well to them.

Ouer ſhooes, ouer boots.

Not except Will ouer-run Wit.

Lawyers are temporall Phyſitians in helping weake clients.

Not if their Apothecaries bils bring their purſes into a conſumption.

FINIS.